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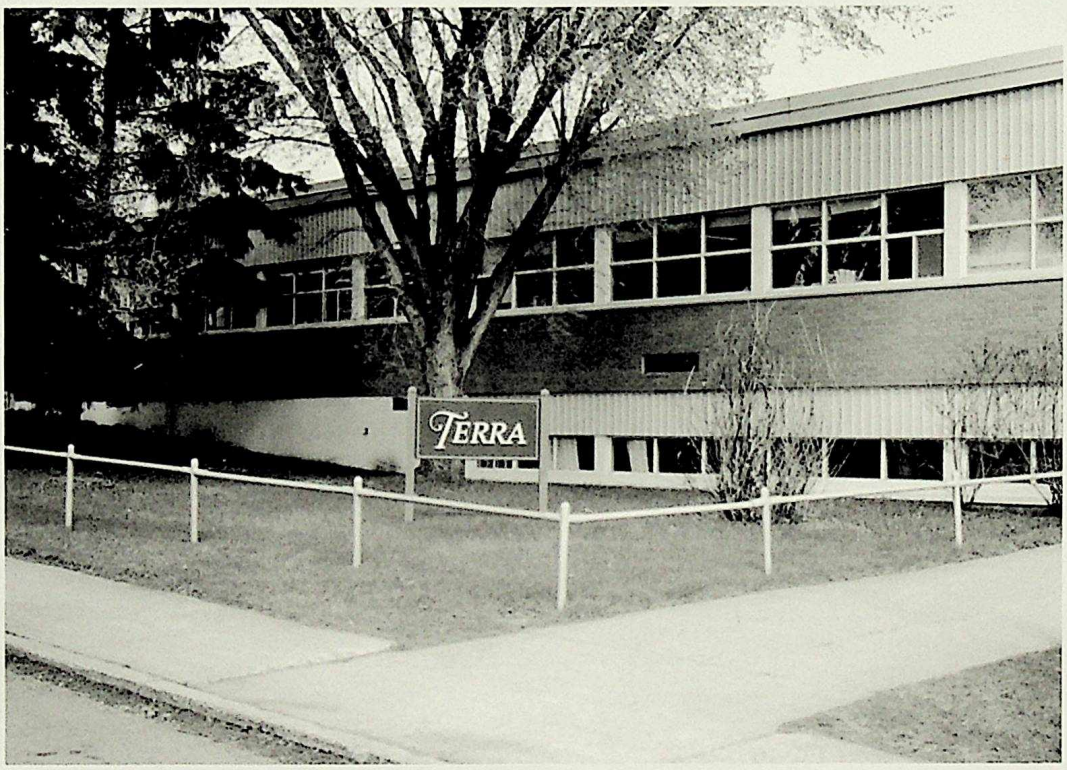


Volume One

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rosalind Smith

"To accomplish great things we must not only act, not only plan, but also believe."

Anatole france

In my first year as principal at Terra School, I have been impressed by the students who have demonstrated a commitment to the three beliefs of Terra.

Learning is life long-I salute the young women who participate regularly in an intellectual pursuit of any kind. We must never forget to continue to read, discuss and share a book with a friend.

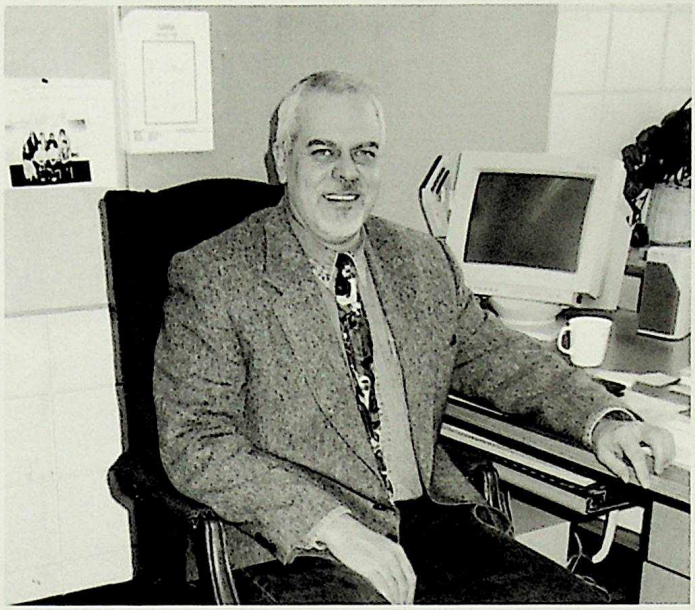
Education improves the life of the mother and the life of the child-Education gives nourishment to the spiritual, the musical, the visionary, and the childlike side of one's nature. Ask yourself frequently, "What truly gives meaning to my life?" Nine times out of ten, somewhere in the response you will find the words, "education" or "children."

A safe caring environment promotes learning- Students at Terra know it's O.K. to take risks. The staff care about students. Part of learning is taking responsibility for achieving personal goals. Out of goal setting often come great accomplishments.

Congratulations to the students and staff who worked diligentsy to compose our very first Yearbook. Their commitment excites and stimulates people to work hard to create reality from their dreams. It's part of the belief at Terra.

Rosalind Smith
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



J. Michael Farris

Each student is to be commended for the action that you have taken to better your education and your life. We take joy and pride in each and every step and success, no matter how large or how modest, that you have achieved in this year. We know that larger and more confident steps will follow. We know also that success follows effort.

You are the reason we are here. For twenty-six years, TERRA Association has worked to help create new opportunities and new possibilities for young people who have taken on a very large and important responsibilities. To see you grow, mature and achieve means everything to us and makes our work both meaningful and a labour of love. It is truly rewarding to see personal potential realized and to see new worlds of possibilities open up in the live of those with whom you share a purpose.

Over the past year we have shared a purpose with you. We have also shared both the difficult times of achievement, success and joy. Your involvement with TERRA has given us reason to celebrate both your success and to renew our efforts in developing additional opportunities for those who will follow you in the years to come.

We hope and trust that TERRA Association has given something to you that you can carry with you in the future. Whether it was through the Infant and Family Support Centre, the Personal Management Program, Careers, Counseling, Community Outreach Services, Learning for Life or any of the other activities and services that make up TERRA, we hope that we have made a contribution to you and your efforts. You will always have someone in your corner, cheering you on and wishing you the best — all of us at TERRA. Congratulations on your every achievement and your every success!

J. Michael Farris, MSc.

MESSAGE FROM CLIENT REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Clients,

We have enjoyed our time as your elected representatives to the Board of Directors for TERRA association. Throughout this year we have brought several of your concerns before the board including: daycare hours, father support, sexual wellness, facility improvement, course options, etc. We have seen the developments as a result of our advocacy.

We hope that you have a full and happy future. We know that your time at TERRA will always be special as it has been for us.

Yours truly,
Kelsie Best
Valerie Boisvert
Suzie Gary

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Peers,

As the 1996-97 Student Council we have provided several activities for the students of Terra School. We coordinated several activities such as: the Halloween Party, the National Child Day Candy Gram Sale, the St.Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt, Garbage Day, etc. We hope that our hard work was appreciated.

We hope you have find joy in your future endeavors.

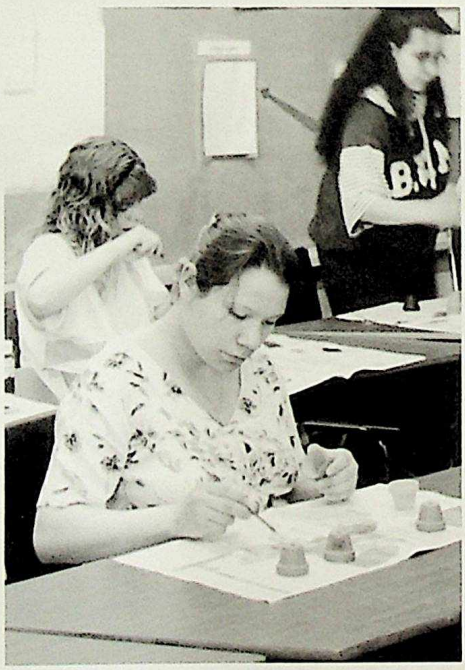
Yours truly,
Patricia Davidson
Bonnie Bokenfohr
Kelsie Best
Valerie Boisvert
Suzie Gary
Donna Allen

YEARBOOK CLUB

Allison Pazuk - Staff Advisor
Kelsie Best - Editor
Amanda Collins - Photography
Natasha Short - Photography
Cheryl Steinhauer - Photography
Dallas Atkinson - Photography
Stacey Short - Photography

Regrets:
Donna Allen - Yearbook
Vanessa Bryant - Photography
Jennifer Giles - Staff Advisor
Julie Tymchuk - Photography

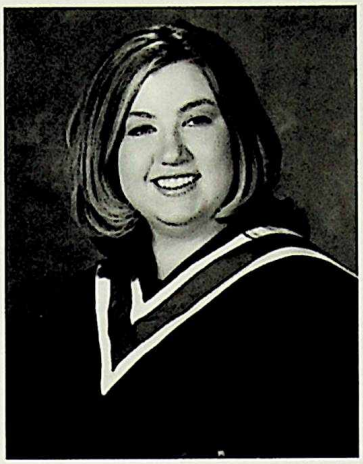
NOBODY'S PERFECT
This is an informative, educational parenting group which met weekly. Discussion of parenting issues were the main focus. The group was headed by Patricia Davidson TERRA's Parent Educator.



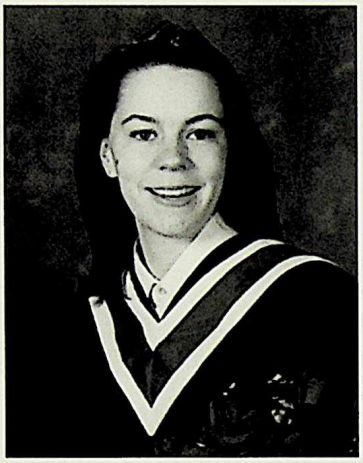
CRAFTS

Crafts were held every Friday in Marianne's classroom headed by Jenn Giles. There was always something interesting to do such as making chimes, piggy banks, sun catchers, deco poge, and glass etching.

Donna Allen
My future plans are to go to Marvel, then to NAIT, then to work in Australia to try to figure out why the toilet flushes backwards.

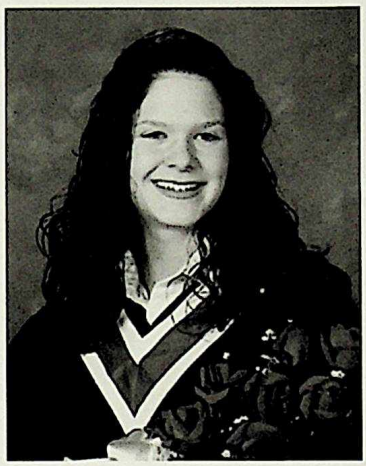


Amanda Babichuk
My future goals are to get my Bachelor of Commerce degree and become a marketing executive for a major corporation.

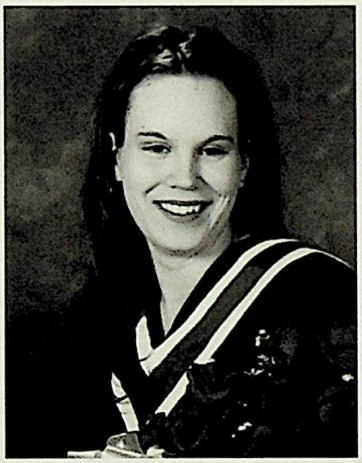


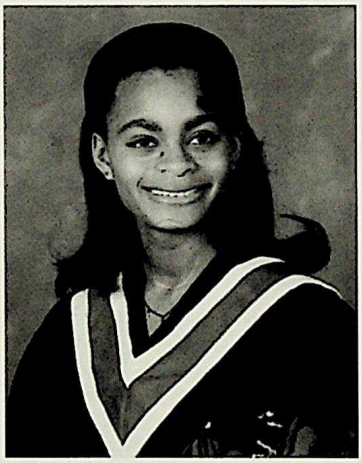
Jacqueline Biliske
My greatest accomplishment at Terra was to graduate. Now I am working towards my Bachelor of Commerce degree at the U of A.

Vanessa Bryant
My greatest accomplishment was participating in the school teams and scoring for the opposing team! I will be going to AVC in the fall.

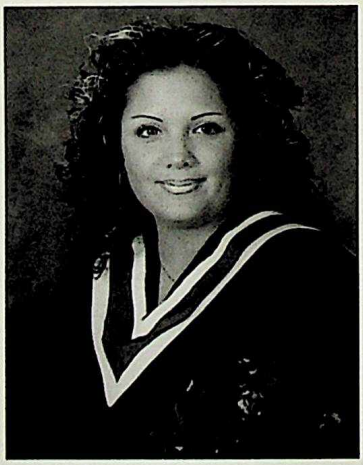


Valerie Boisvert
My greatest accomplishment at Terra was meeting new friends, succeeding in all my classes - and most importantly - graduating. I want to become an elementary teacher and possibly go on to get my masters degree at the U of A.



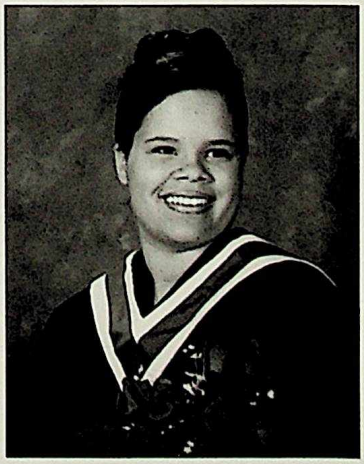


Tonia Chambers
My greatest accomplishment is that I had a very beautiful baby boy (Zachary). My future plans are to up-grade at St. Joseph's school and then to become a police officer.

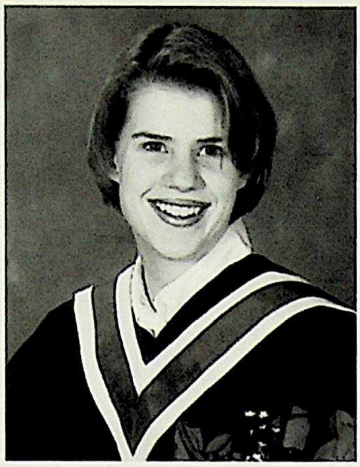


Stacey Dixon
My greatest accomplishment at Terra was be-coming a better person. Now I am going on to finish school at NAIT.

Meghan Fitch
My future plans are to go to GMCC and get my Diploma in Early Childhood Development. I want to run a dayhome until my daughter Natalia is school age.



Lonneke Franken
My greatest accomplishment at Terra was to laugh at teachers jokes even when they were not funny. I am taking a year off school and then I'm off to NAIT to take animal health technology.



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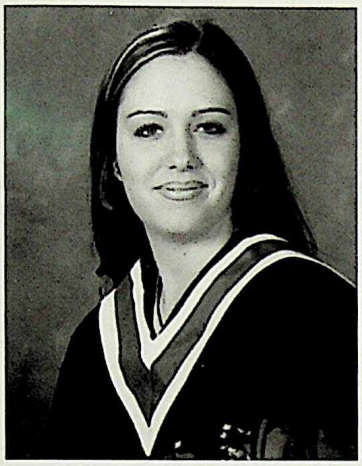
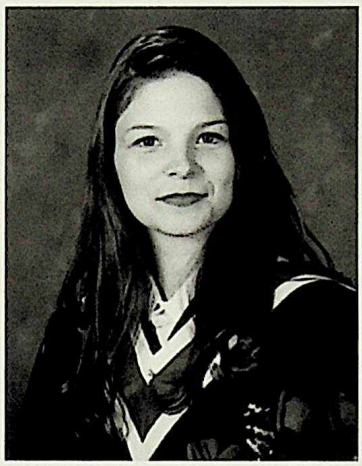
Chris Friesen
My current goal is to choose a career! Should it be an esthetician, truck driver or social worker?

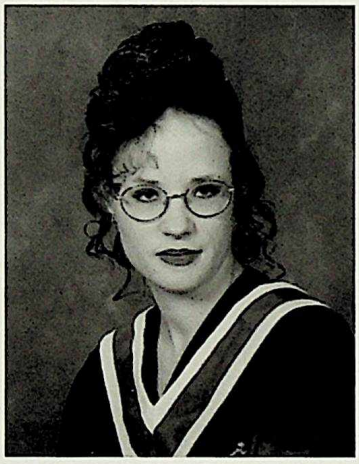


Jamie Gagnon
In the future I want to attent GMCC to major in security and then to become a Fraud Investigator.

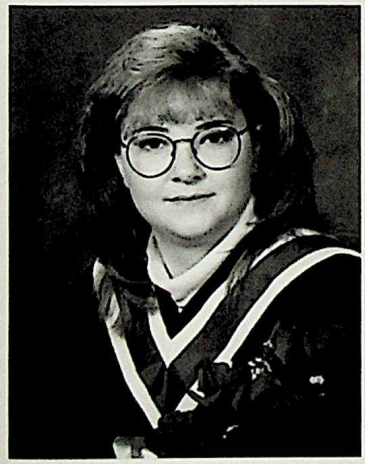
Suzie Gary
I am about to embark on a social work program at GMCC - look out world!



Katie Halladay
My greatest accomplishment so far is that I am graduating! I will be continuing my education at GMCC to become a youth and child worker.

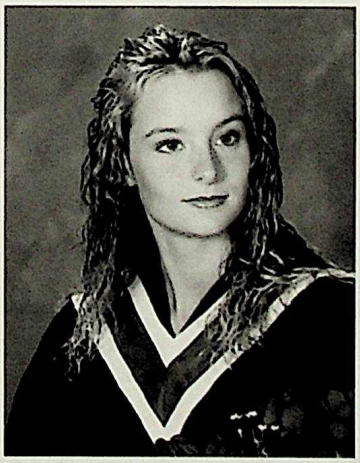


Tara Hauff
I hope to continue on to become a hairdresser for a while, then on to different things in the years to come.

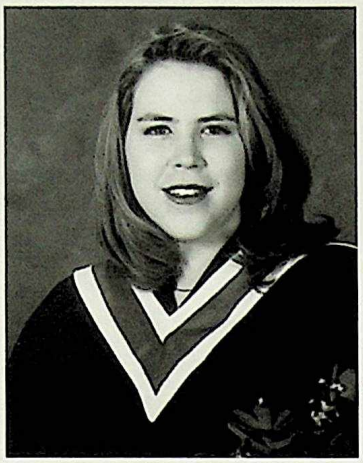


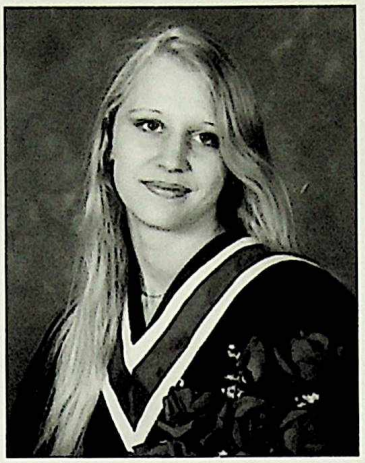
Misty Harris
My greatest accomplishment at Terra is to have earned 101 credits in two years. I want to attend AVC and then continue on to NAIT to become a chef.

Deanna Jacobson
My greatest accomplishment at Terra is achieving higher marks than I ever have in the past. I want to work for a while then continue my education at university.



Amber Mandin
I am happy to be graduating but I still have sixteen more years of university education to get my degree in Forensic Pathology.



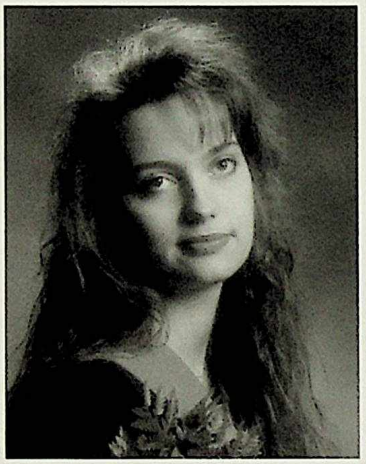


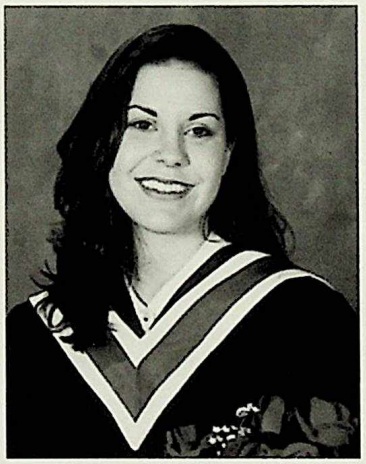
Jessica McGilp
My accomplishments at Terra include: meeting great friends, and completing my diploma. I intend to move to Castlegar and attend Selkirk College for Business Administration, have a happy family and live happily ever after.

Suzan Nowazynski
I will be continuing my education at Marvel College to become qualified as a make-up artist and then hopefully moving on to Toronto.

Celeste Page
My future goals are to go to Grant MacEwan and take massage therapy and then go to MarTech to learn more about starting my own business

Mary Peters
I will be working towards a Correctional Services Diploma at GMCC to become a probation officer. One of my future goals is for my son, Brandon, and I to own a big house on an acreage within 6 years.



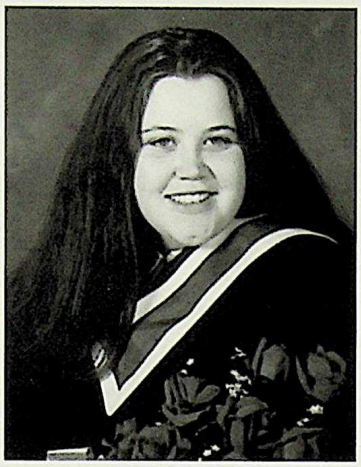


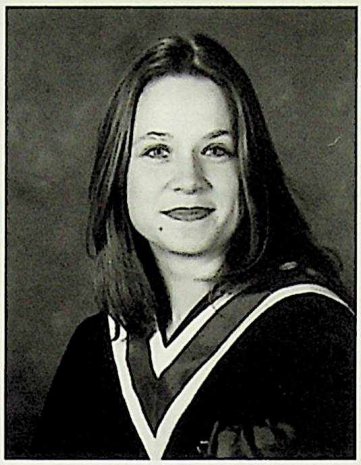
Charlene Pritchard
My greatest accomplishment at Terra was to survive John and Donna's classes! I will be going on to NAIT for Biological Sciences.

Christine Reisinger
My greatest accomplishment at Terra is graduating! At times it was hard to stick with it but I've finally done it. Now I want to get a Bachelor of Arts degree, and a Bachelor of Education degree.

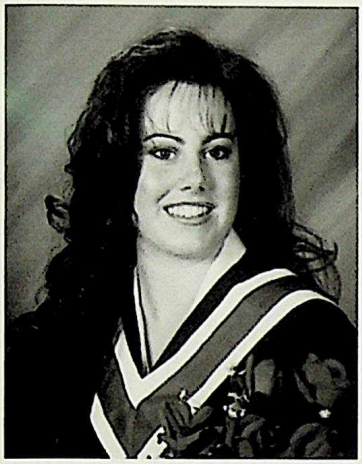
Nicole Ross
My future plans are to go to Marvel College and hopefully become an esthetician in a salon

Cheryl Shields
At Terra I met some really great people, had a terrific son and got my life back on track. My future plans will start at NAIT while I am taking Culinary Arts.



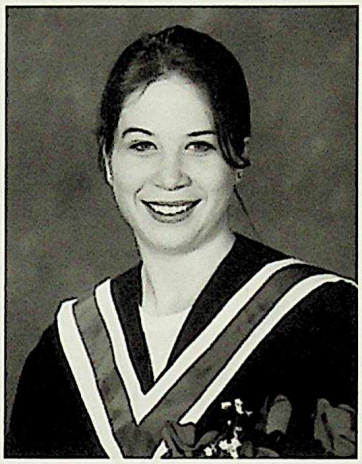


Jenna Simpson
My greatest accomplishment at Terra was completing my high school education with almost honours and coming to school most of the time. My future plans are to go to NAIT or GMCC for Office Administration.

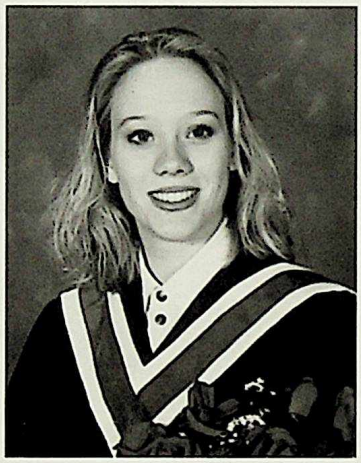


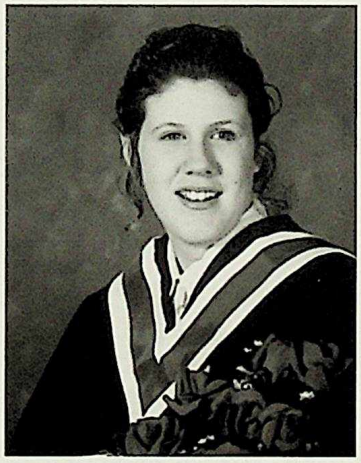
Lexy Stroud
My greatest accomplishments at Terra was to finally complete grade 12. My future plans include upgrading and working towards becoming a dental hygenist.

Samantha Sweezie
After I graduate, I plan to go into Biological Sciences, and make a lot of money. To all those people out there, make your dreams come true!

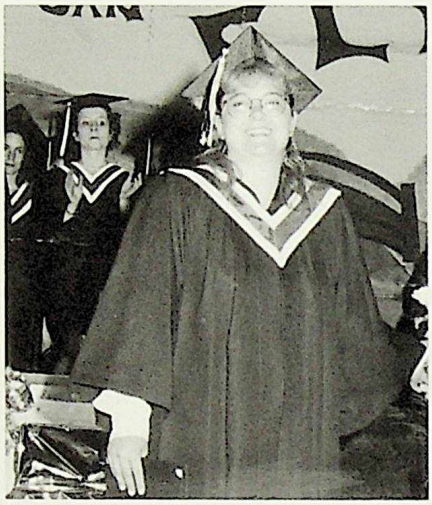


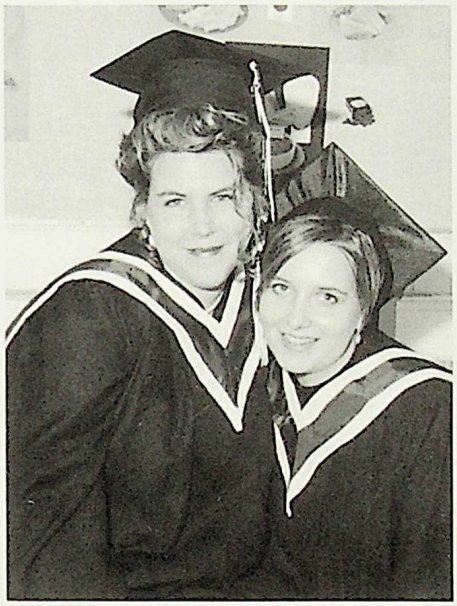
Janet Watson
I am planning on taking a year off to raise my children, then go on to college to become a Legal Assistant, then I want to continue on to become a criminal prosecution lawyer.





Elizabeth Witte
My greatest accomplishment is to have had a healthy daughter and son and to still manage to graduate! I am now going to work towards becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse.





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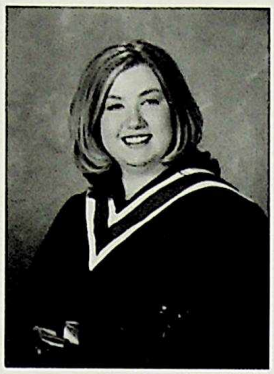
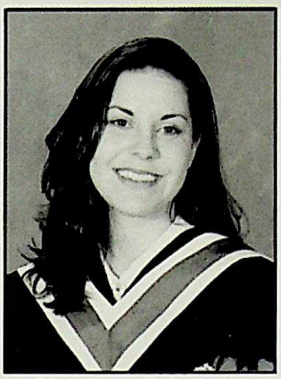
Valedictorian Speech



Amanda Babichuk



Charlene Pritchard

On behalf of our classmates, Charlene and I would like to welcome all of you who are here with us tonight to celebrate one of the greatest personal achievements of our lives. It is an honor and privilege for both of us to be standing here tonight as class valedictorians. Our only hope is that our words will truly convey the inner strength and courage of all the remarkable young women who are here before you tonight.

For many of us, today has finally become a reality that was never thought possible. It has been through hard work, perseverance, determination and sheer will to succeed that has brought us all here together tonight. We would now like to take this opportunity to say, "Congratulations girls, today is yours alone and you truly deserve it." It is true that today belongs to our graduating class, but we are not the only ones to be celebrated and recognized. Were it not for the continuous support of families and friends, some of us would not be here tonight.

Here at Terra School, we have been guided and instructed by two very distinct groups of teachers - some who are constantly giving and "nudging" our deadlines back "just a little bit further" when the unforeseen occurred, while others preferred to engage innumerous sessions of "tough love". We believe you know who you are. All of our teachers, unique in their abilities and styles, have provided us not only with the knowledge and skills we need to go forward and succeed, but have also instilled in us the confidence and ability to achieve our goals.

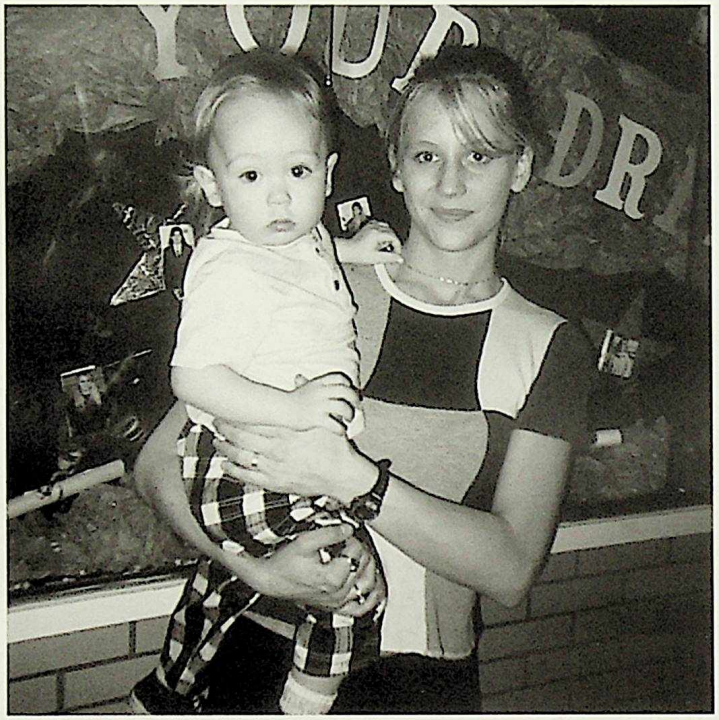
Fortunately, we have also been showered with helpful advice and persistent encouragement from our wonderful guidance counselors and support staff who always make themselves available to help us "on the right track." We would now like to make special mention of an amazing woman who has lead the Terra team and brought our school around full circle and made it a place that before we could of only dream of. With her own blend of unyielding compassion and her "iron fist," she has brought forth the capabilities and strengths that lie within us all. As many of you may or may not know, she and I have had our differences in the past, but I know that without her I would not be standing before you today — not many of us would.

I would like now to take this moment to recognize this very special and selflessly dedicated woman, whose heart's sole ambition is to see us all succeed. Please join us now as we pay tribute to a woman who has become our "fearless leader" and friend — Rosalind Smith. Ros, will you please come forward?

Not only is today exciting and exhilarating but it is more than just a little bit frightening for us all. We are uncertain about the future that lies ahead, yet compelled to drive in and embrace all that life has to offer us. We all have already had to make difficult decisions that have affected our lives greatly. By standing here before you today, and accepting the honor of our successes, we have ***so much*** *to be proud of.*

This is why we would now like every one of the graduating students to please rise. In fact, everyone here tonight, who feels they have accomplished a personal success of any magnitude, please join the graduating class by standing. Now take a look at all the familiar and the not - so - familiar faces that surround you and remember this moment and message always. In life, there will be times when each of us will stand alone, so whenever you feel that life has given you more that you are capable of handling, and it seems impossible to make it though, remember — Together we can succeed, but alone, entwined with the everlasting spirit of this day...

We Can Fly!!!



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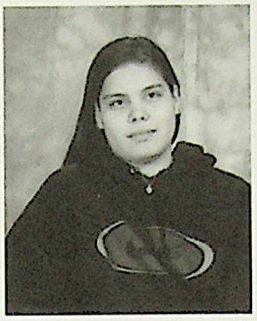

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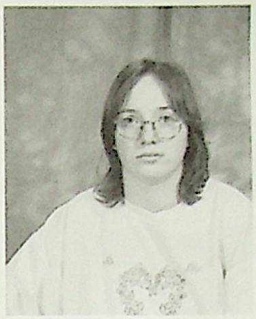

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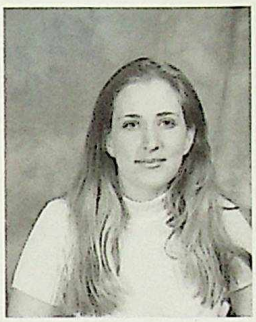

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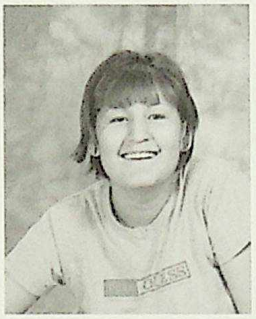

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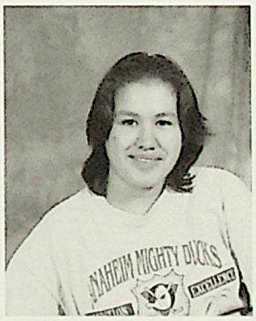

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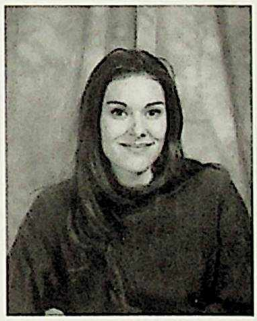

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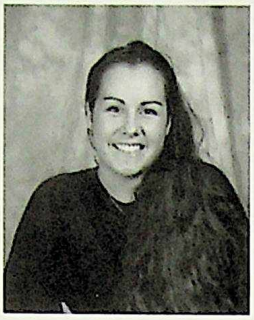
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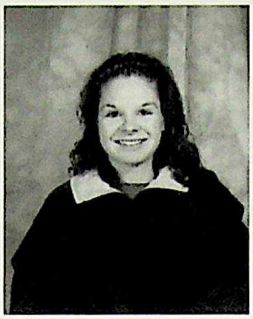
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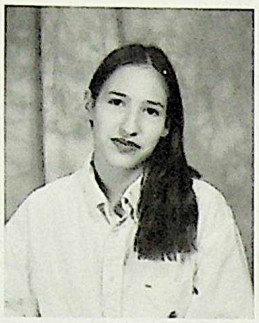
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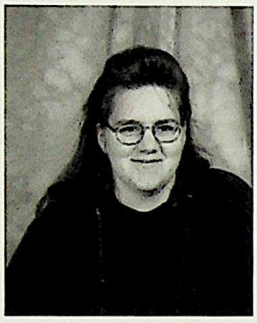
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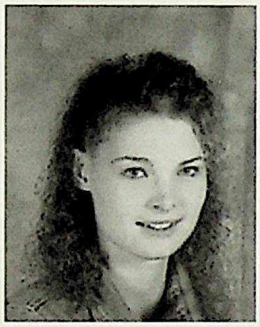
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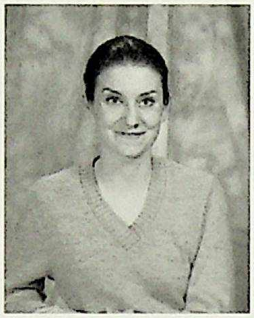
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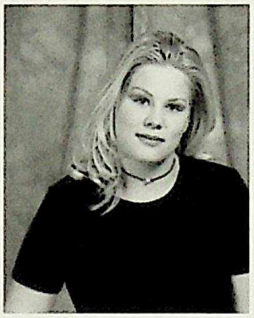
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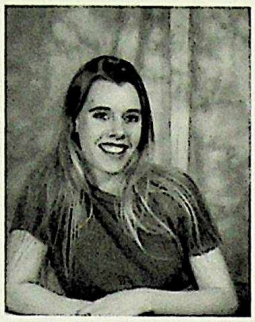
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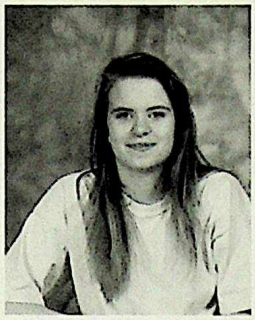
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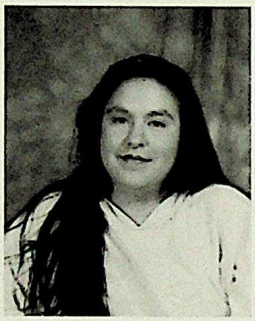
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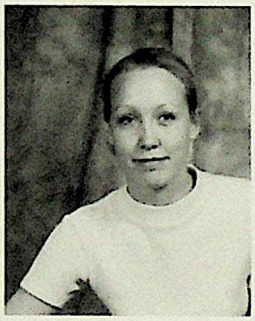
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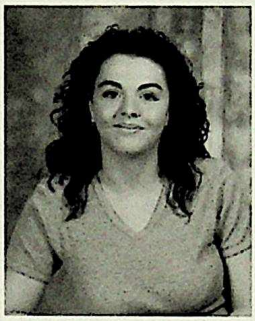
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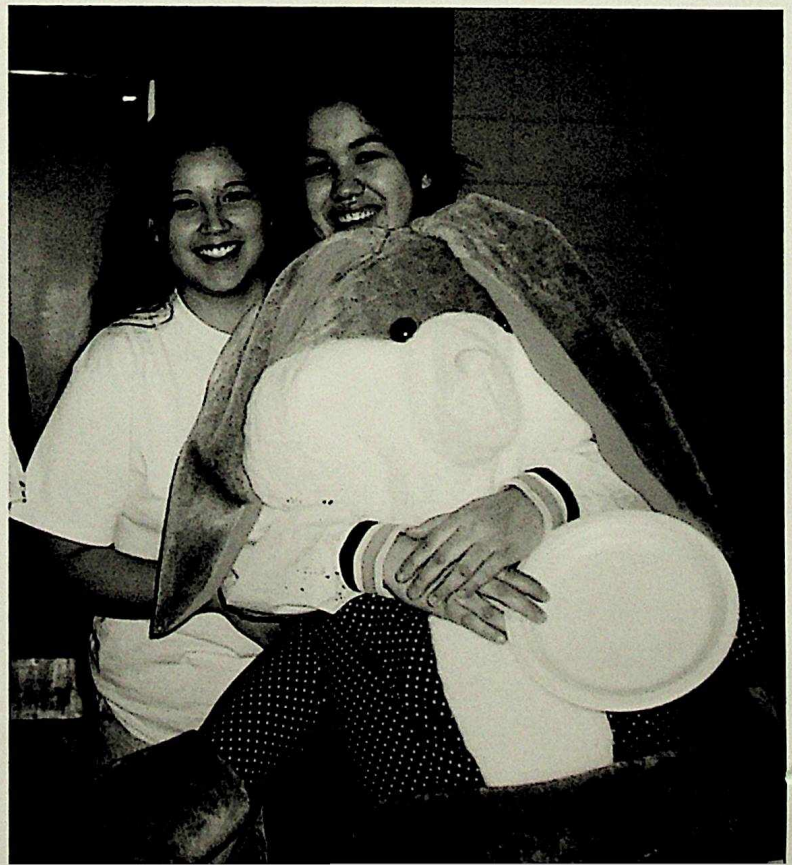

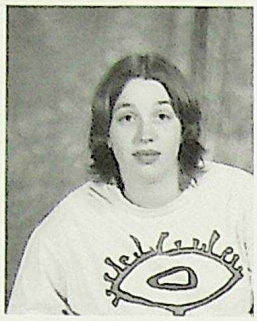
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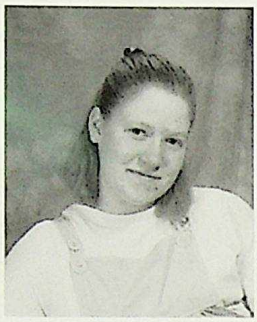
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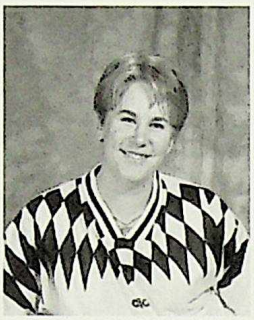
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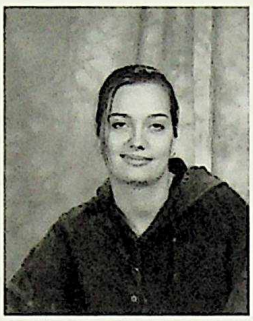
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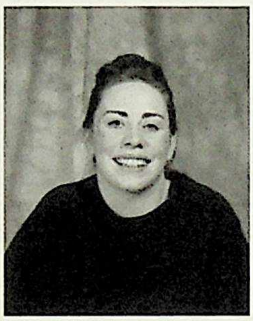
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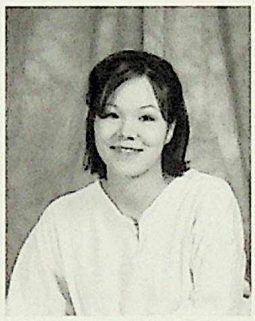
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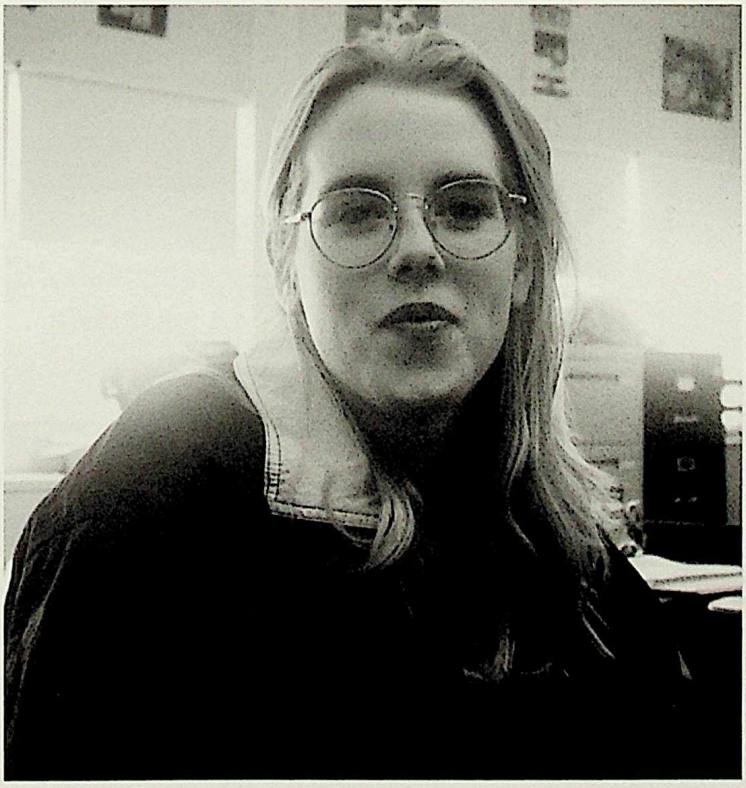

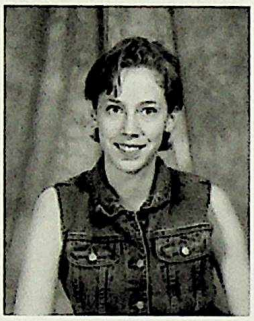
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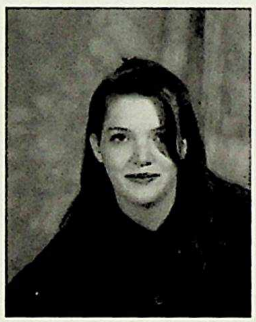
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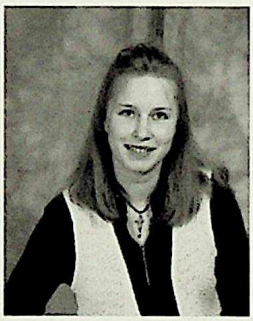
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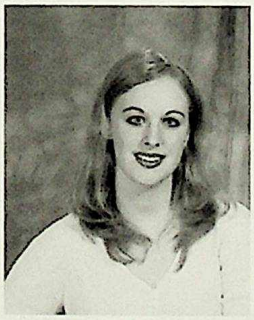
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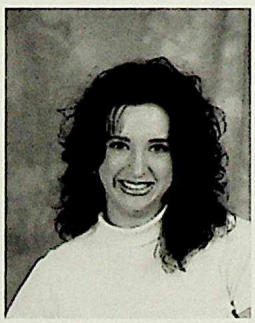
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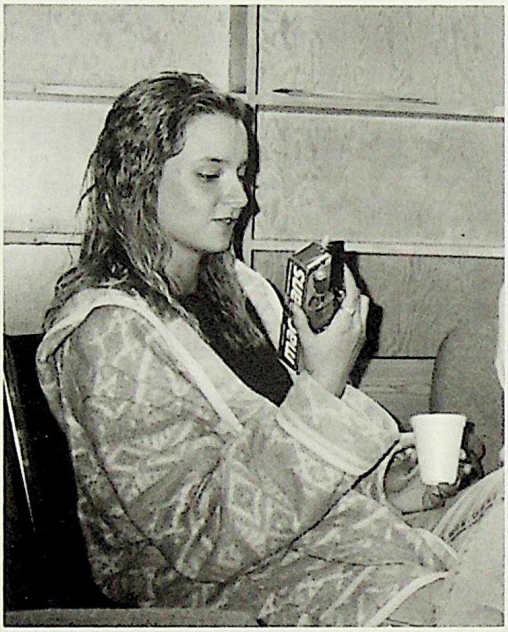
GODS LOVE
EVERYWHERE



BE STRONG

Though times are hard
And the pain grows little by little each day
You'll never be alone
Out there in the cruel world ahead

Can you see through your tears of rage?
I'll always be here to guide you
When you hurt
I will hurt with you

When the cruel breath
Of life freezes your heart
Be strong
Just take my hand and
Together we'll melt your sorrows

When you step into the world of reality
I'll place my hand upon your heart
And protect you from sadness
As you venture down your path
I'll help you to find the world
Where our happiness lies

Be strong
When your heart is strong
My heart will wake up
And begin it's own journey of acceptance.

DALENE BURNS

BABY BAILEY

Waiting with excitement,
One day you will come,
No way I would wish
This day be undone.

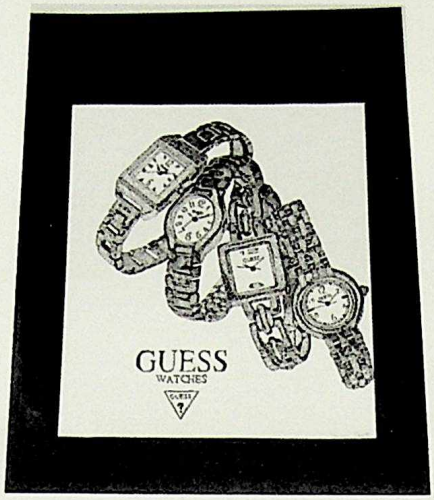
Pushing and grunting,
The stirrups beside,
Holding on tightly,
It is a bumpy ride.

Pausing for breath
And great love in my heart,
The moment you came out,
We'd never be apart.

You were not breathing
And I lay their in fright,
I couldn't wrap my arms around you
Till that very next night.

The pain is forgotten
And you are now here,
Your daddy and I love you,
Our sweet little dear.

JAYME MILDON



SHAWNA SMITH

COMPANY

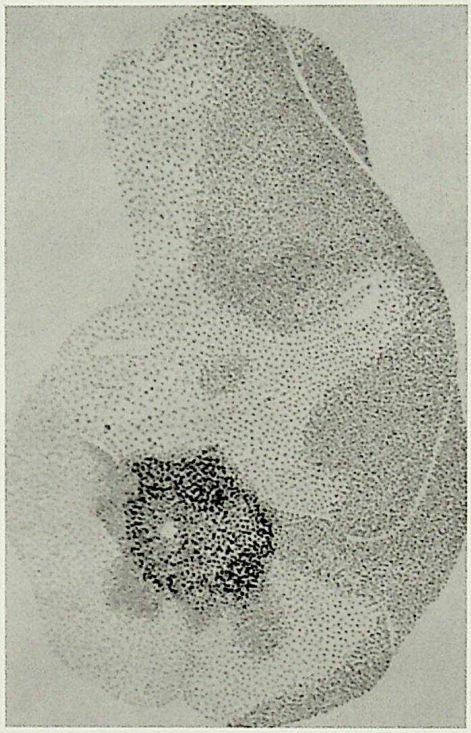
The company that I keep
That I enjoy the most
Is the company I keep
Within myself
I talk with myself
But not aloud
all because it sets the secrets
out to prowl
The way I do
Nobody says the wrong
Nobody is ever right
All except myself
No misjudgements
No need to apologize
No running away from a voice
Because my company will still follow

JODY MOSICKI

ANOTHER SIDE

Another side
Another place
Another person behimd this face
Seldom seen by even me
A side which I don't like to see
She runs on feelings but cares for none
She's good at steeling and when she's done
She disappears without a trace
And hides behind another face

LESLIE BARUZINE



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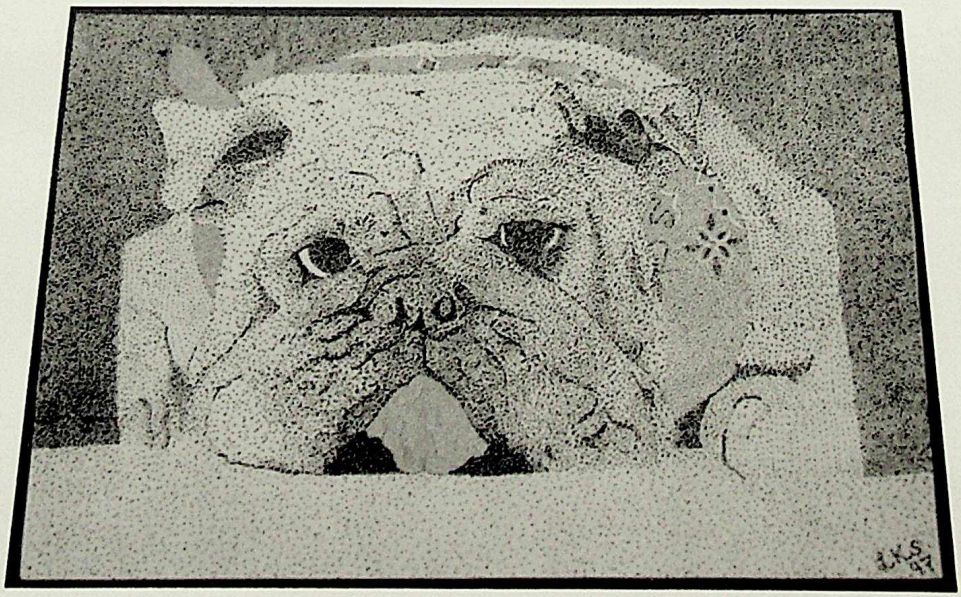

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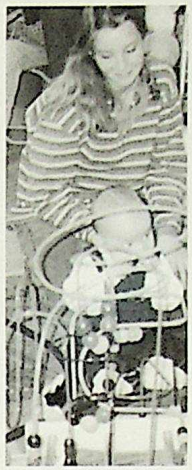
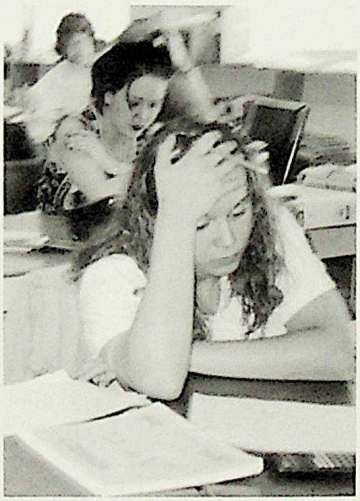
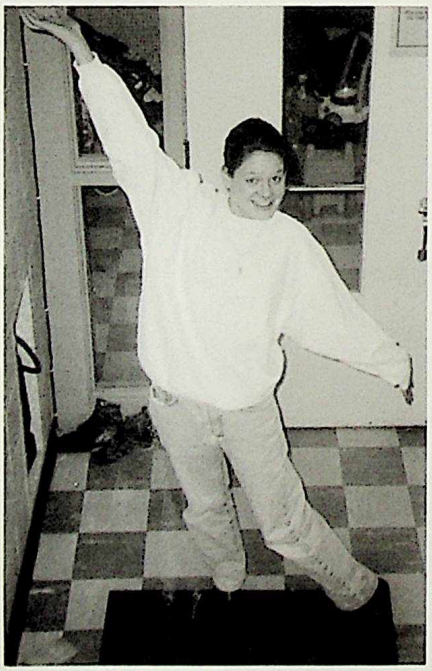
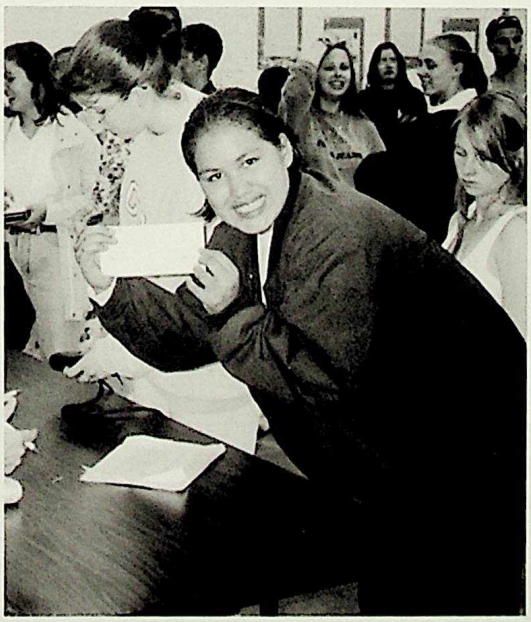


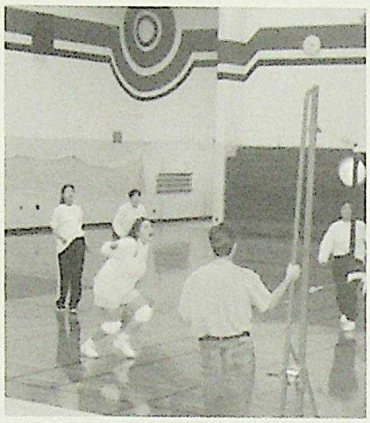




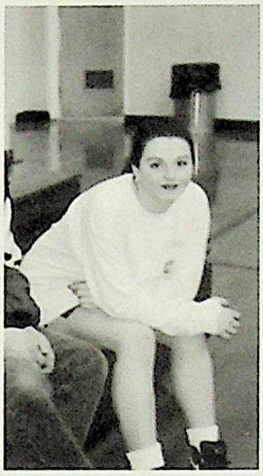


Terra's Sports Teams

Volleyball



This year was very exciting for many of Terra's athletes, they had their "first ever" volleyball team! They played numerous exhibition matches throughout the season-winning three. We suspect that, that number will only go up in the future! Congratulations ladies.



Coach

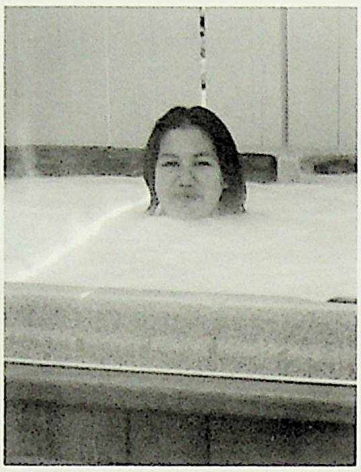
Brenda Shelton

Players

Donna Allen, Carrie Arcand, Dallas Atkinson, Paula Boake, Claudette Bonneau, Adele Fraser, Jeanette Meneses, Yvonne Mitchell, Ruby Quinney, Lana Stalker, Cheryl Steinhower, Sherri Steinhower, and Heather Williams.

Terra's Sports Teams

★Basketball●



Terra's first ever basketball team was a resounding success. They played seven games-winning three and losing four. They went on to play a very competitive season. The girls learned a lot about basketball and had a great deal of fun! Hopefully next year will be even better. Good job girls.

Coaches

Nick Diedericks and Zsolt Zombor

Players

Carrie Arcand, Kelsey Best, Claudette Bonneau, Vanessa Bryant, Jocelyn Buching, Danielle Byron, Jen Dicks, Stacey Dixon, Pam Ferguson, Melissa Graham, Lisa Lindsay, Jeanette Meneses, Veronica Neapetung, Tanya Sayer, Shawna Smith, Lana Stalker, and Janean Woods.

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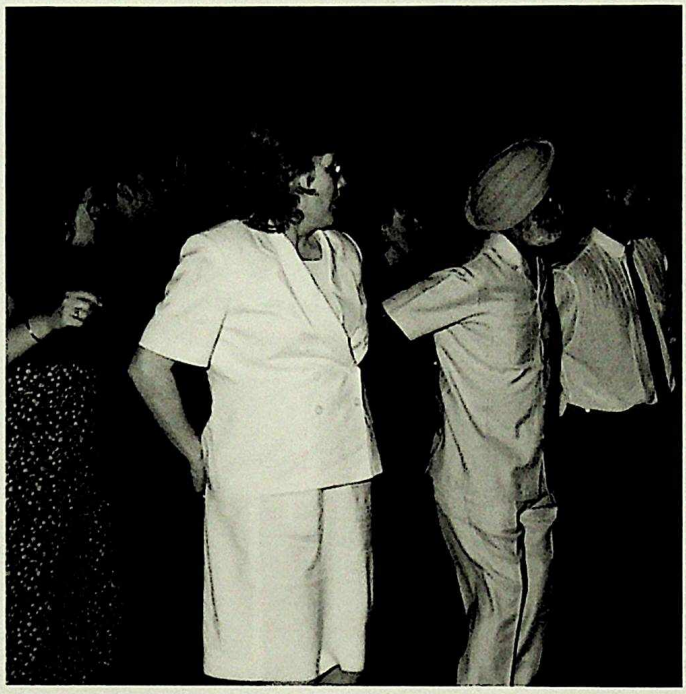

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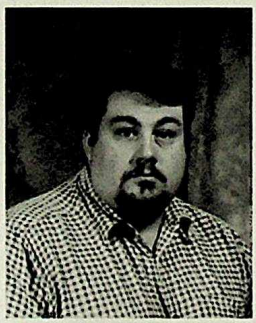

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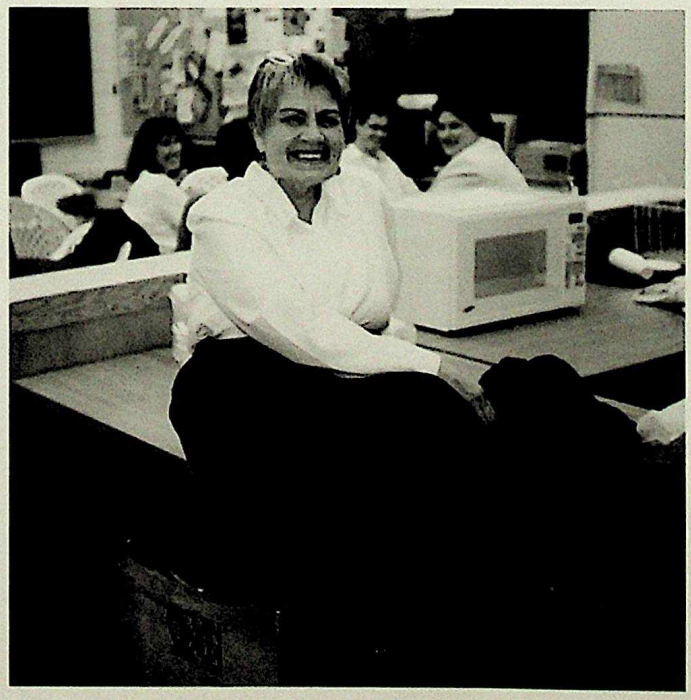

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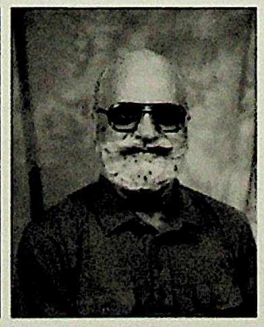

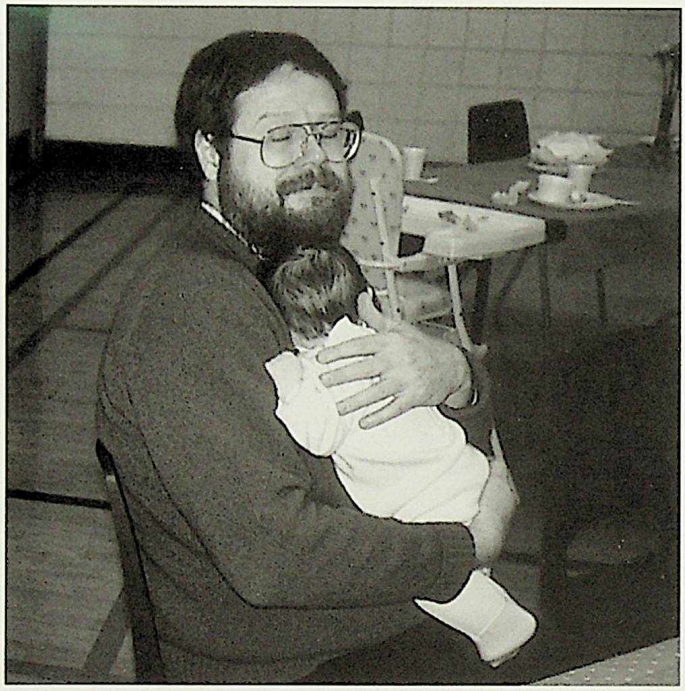

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Terra Student,

The 1996-97 year was very exciting - a year to remember. Many friendships have been made and lessons learned. All our peers have made progress in their lives by furthering their education and taking advantage of the opportunities Terra school in partnership with TERRA association has offered. The graduates will be going on to brighter futures as a direct result of their personal success in completing grade 12. Be it going on to other schools, colleges, entering the work force, or coming back to Terra, this year will remain special for many reasons in all our hearts.

There have been many staff changes throughout the year. We said good-bye to: Beverly Parks, Cecile Amyotte, Erin Dewald, Nicki Bilobroka, Tina Labonte, Kim Kara, Allan Johnson, Jeannine Schilling and some Outreach and Daycare staff. These good-byes were hard for some of us because of our close relationships with them, yet we wish them good fortune in their lives. With the departure of these staff members we have welcomed many new staff. Ros Smith, Michael Farris, Brenda Thompson, Jenn Giles, Nick Diederichs, Heidi Petschke, Sharon Larson, plus some Outreach and Daycare staff have come aboard to enrich our lives.

This was our first year as a designated school. It is my opinion that Terra will continue to grow and develop with the changing needs of pregnant an parenting teens. Let all our memories of this year be good - remember your personal accomplishments and learn from your mistakes, so that you are sure-footed in your future endeavors.

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